pe empour. whānne pilat of pōnce
gouernede judee. & eroude was
prynce of galile. & filip his bro
pir was prynce of ituree & of
pe cūtre of tracon. & lisanye wās
pnce of abilyn vndir pe pnces
of prestis ānas & cayfas: pe wo
rd of pe lord was maad on john pe
sone of zacarie in desert/ & he cam
into al pe cūtre of jordan: and
prechide baptym of penānce ī
to rēmyssiōn of synes as it
is writtī in pe book of pe wordis
of isaye pe profete/ pe vois of
a crier in desert/ make ze redy
pe weye of pe lord: make ze his
paths rizt/ ech valey schal be
fulfillid: & euery hil & lytil hil
schal be maad louz/ and schrewid
pīgis schulē be into drecchid pīgis:
& scharpe pīgis in to pleyn weyes
& euery flesch schal se pe heel
pe of god/ perfore he seyde to pe
peple which weente out to be bap
tyzid of hym/ kyndlyngis of ed
dris: who schewide to zou. to
fle fro pe wrappe to comynge.
perfore do ze worpi fruytis of
penānce: & bigynne ze not to seye.
we han a fadir abrahām/ for I seie
to zou: pat god is mytzty to reyse of
pes stoones pe sonis of abrahā/
& now an ax is sett to pe roote
of pe tre/ and pfore euery tre
pat makip no good fruyt schal
be kitt doū: & schal be cast into
pe fier/ and pe peple axide hym:
& seiden/ what pānne schulē we do:
he answeride: & seyde to hem/ he
pat hap twey cootis: zyue to hī
pat hap noō/ & he pat hap metis:
do in lyk maner/ & publicans ca
mē to be baptizid: & pei seiden

to hī/ maist what schulē we do:
and he seide to hem/ do ze no pīg
more pan pat pat is ordeynid to
zou/ and knyztis axiden hym & sei
den/ what schulen also we do: &
he seide to hem/ smyte ze wrong
fully no mā. nei make fall ca
lenge: & be ze apayed wip zour
soudis ¶ whānne al pe peple gef
side. & alle mē pouzte in her her
tis of john. lest panētur he we
re crist: john answeride & seide
to alle mē/ I baptise zou īwate/
but astronger pā I schal come af
tir me: of whō I am not worpi to
vnbynde pe lace of his schoon/ he
schal baptise zou in pe hooly goost
& fier/ whos wynewyng tool in
his hond: & he schal purge his floor
of corn/ & schal gedre pe whete ī
to his berne: but pe chaffis he
schal brēne. wip fier vnquench
able/ & many opir pīgis also he
spak & prechide to pe peple ¶ but
eroude tetrark. whānne he was
blamyd of iohn for erodias pe
wyf of his broper. & for alle pe y
uels pat eroud dide: encreside
pis ouer alle. & schutte iohn ī prisōn
& it was don whānne al pe peple
was baptizid. & whānne ihū was
baptizid & preiede: heuene was
openyd/ & pe hooly goost cam doū
in bodily lyknesse: as a doube on
hī/ & a vois was maad fro heuene/
you art my dereworpe sone: in
pee it hap plesid to me/ & ihū hī
silf was bigynnynge as of pirt
ty zeer/ pat he was gessid pe so
ne of joseph/ which was of heli.
which was of matach/ which wās
of leuy/ which was of melchi/ pat
was of janne/ pat was of joseph/